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SUBJECT: EXTRANCHECK: POST-SHIPMENT VERIFICATION: FEDERALNAYA SLUZHBA OHRANY, MOSCOW, RUSSIA, LICENSE

NO: D356296

REFTEL: USDOC 04153

- 11. Unauthorized disclosure of the information provided below is prohibited by Section 12C of the Export Administration Act.
- 12. Reftel requested a post-shipment verification to determine the legitimacy and reliability of the enduser, Federalnaya Sluzhba Ohrany, Moscow, Russia. The company was listed on BIS license number: D356296 as the ultimate consignee of 8 thermal surveillance camera system, model TVIS and 2 thermal cameras, model no. Photon Block 2, ECCN: 6A003.B.4. These commodities are controlled for national security and regional security reasons. The exporter is Indigo Systems Corporation, 70 Castilian Dr., Goleta, CA 93117.
- 13. On September 29, 2006, Export Control Attache Donald Pearce and FSN Natalya Shipitsina conducted the requested post-shipment verification with Federalnaya Sluzhba Ohrany (Russian abbreviation FSO) at the offices of Gulfstream Engineering Company, 44, Bolshaya Polyanka st., Moscow, Russia. The export control team met with Stepan N. Cherepnin, Chief of CCTV and Access Controls Department, and Igor N. Azarov of the FSO.
- 14. FSO is an agency of the Government of Russia (GOR) tasked with the protection of the President of the Russian Federation and other state officials. The agency is also responsible for the security of certain state property, such as the Kremlin.
- 15. Gulfstream Engineering Company (GEC) is the principal contractor on an FSO tender to provide closed-circuit television cameras for use at several FSO protected facilities, including the Kremlin. The company was founded in 1994, and provides security engineering, systems installation, and monitoring services. GEC has worked with the FSO since 1996, as FSO has found them to be reliable, providing high quality equipment that is competitively priced. GEC has several government contracts in addition to those for FSO, and holds licenses for engineering, construction, installation and data transmission from appropriate authorities. As a government contractor, all employees are vetted through the Federal Security Service (Russian abbreviation FSB), and the company is authorized to carry out activities associated with National Security Information of the GOR. The company is privately held, and operates from an office in the city center of Moscow with 200 employees.

- 16. The cameras were purchased by FSO for use in physical security operations at several locations, including the Kremlin. The exact location of the cameras is considered a state secret. FSO is aware of the license conditions, and will not transfer the cameras to any other organizations or uses.
- 17. The team was shown four FLIR model 427-0007-06-00 TV-IS 14" cameras: serial numbers 0431, 0432, 0433, and 0434, four FLIR model 427-0007-07-00 TV-IS 23" cameras: serial numbers 0435, 0436, 0437, and 0438, and two Photon 19mm imagers, serial number 4582 and 14620. The Photon imagers were mounted in Pelco ES-3012-2 cameras by GEC. All units were in new condition, with the FLIR cameras still in their original boxes as normally shipped.
- 18. Recommendations: Post recommends Federalnaya Sluzhba Ohrany, Moscow, Russia, and Gulfstream Engineering Company, Moscow, Russia as reliable recipients of sensitive U.S. origin commodities. (FCS MOSCOW/SBOZEK/DPEARCE) BURNS